Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the contractors have levelled charges against the staff that they are treated badly and that is why the work has suffered ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—On the other hand, charges are levelled against the contractors that they have not done their duty properly.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Will the Government look into the question and find out who is at fault exactly ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The matter is engaging the attention of the Superintending Engineer and it is under enquiry.

Abolition of L. M. P. Course in the State.

*Q.—162. Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Nelamangala).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reasons for the abolition of the L.M.P. course in the State ?

(*b*) whether the Government is considering to introduce L.M.P. course again ?

*A.—Sri K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) It was considered desirable to have a unitary standard of education in Medicine in the State on the lines obtaining in other parts or India.

(*b*) No.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Is it not a fact that due to abolition of L.M.P. course, the Government is facing the scarcity of doctors due to the fact that Medical Graduates are not willing to go to rural parts on account of reduced pay scale ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—We are getting licentiates now. We have abolished that course from 1956. After a year hence, there will be shortage of licentiates but in view of the fact that we have opened two more medical colleges, we expect large number of medical graduates coming forth and in addition to it, we have improved their pay scales and so we may attract a larger number of medical graduates.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—May I know from the Government how many hospitals in the State suffer from want of doctors and how many hospitals to be started have been held up for scarcity of doctors ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—Scarcity of doctors is due to many factors. I think the Hon'ble Members are also aware that on account of deputation to foreign countries we are short of doctors.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Is it the policy of the Government of India to continue this L.M.P. course in various States ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—No.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—From when are you going to completely stop this course ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—We have already done it since 1956.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that the Government is going to open two medical colleges in the State. May I know when they are going to be opened ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—I did not say that the Government would open them. But the Mysore Government are pressing the Centre to give aid to open such colleges.

Opening of Hospital at Kurtkoti.

*Q.—331. K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that a hospital building at Kurtkoti in Gadag taluk has been constructed long ago by the people of Kurtkoti ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Gram Panchayat Committee of Kurtkoti have agreed to contribute annually Rs. 1,000 towards recurring expenditure ;

(*c*) whether they will open the hospital at Kurtkoti ?